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SUBJECT: LIBYAN PASSPORT PROBLEM: UK COUNTERMEASURES

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1. IN TOUR D' HORIZON WITH UK AMB TRIPP MARCH 19, WE BRIEFLY COVERED PASSPORT SITUATION. HE HAS IMPRESSION, WHICH HE SAYS IS SHARED BY NUMBER OTHER COM' S, THAT DESPITE ALL OUR EFFORTS THE PASSPORT PROBLEM IS LIKELY TO CONTINUE UNTIL LIBYAN/ EGYPTIAN " MERGER " EFFECTED IN SEPTEMBER. I INDICATED THAT I WAS NOT QUITE SO PESSIMISTIC, THOUGH ADMITTEDLY OUR LATEST INFO ON LARG ATTITUDE (REFTEL) WAS HARDLY ENCOURAGING.

2. TRIPP TOLD ME HMG GIVES NO INDICATION OF ADOPTING FORMAL COUNTERMEASURES AND APPEARS CONTENT TO WAIT AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS. MEANWHILE HE IS DELAYING VISAS FOR " ORDINARY " LIBYAN APPLICANTS THREE OR FOUR DAYS, AND
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LIBYAN APPLICANTS WITH DPL OR SPECIAL PASSPORTS
" INDEFINITELY". (COMMENT: THIS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED
STRICTLY NOFORN.)

3. TRIPP SEES NO LIKELIHOOD OF OBTAINING A VISA FOR
HIS NEWLY- ASSIGNED FS SECRETARY. HE IS MAKING DO WITH
A LOCALLY- HIRED AUSTRALIAN SECRETARY WHO IS THE WIFE OF
AN OIL COMPANY OFFICER. IF HIS STAFF DWINDLES BETWEEN
NOW AND SEPTEMBER, HE IS GOING TO BE PHILOSOPHICAL ABOUT
IT HE SAYS.

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